Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

AMA_Statewide General

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: AMA_Statewide General		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes O or No O
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement conservation practices which:	
2. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from on-farm agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
3. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
6. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes O or No O
6. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes O or No O

Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes O or No O
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes O or No O
8. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations. Questions 1-3. Max points - 150.	
1. Is there a developed CNMP in place prior to application for funding?	Yes O or No O
2. Will a CNMP be developed within the first year of the contract?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the proposed treatment apply more than one structural practices to improve water related resources?	Yes O or No O
Water conservation or irrigation efficiency using AMA result in a considerable reduction in water use. Questions 4-9. Answer only one of questions 5 - 8. Max points - 45	
4. Will the proposed treatment result in the improvement availability of water for livestock?	Yes O or No O
5. Will the proposed treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 16?	Yes O or No O
6. Will the proposed treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 11 but less than 15?	Yes O or No O
7. Will the proposed treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 10 but less than 14?	Yes O or No O
8. Will the proposed treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of less than 10?	Yes O or No O
Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land. Questions 9-11. Max points 80.	
9. Will the proposed treatment result in a decrease in erosion and sedimentation through the application of structural practices that improve water related resources?	Yes O or No O
10. Will the proposed treatment result in a decrease in erosion and sedimentation through the application of vegetative practices improving water related resources?	Yes O or No O
11. Will the proposed treatment result in a decrease in erosion and sedimentation through the application of management practices?	Yes O or No O
Increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation. Questions 12-14. Max points 65.	
12. Will the proposed treatment result in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation through structural practices for wildlife?	Yes O or No O
13. Will the proposed treatment result in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation through the application of vegetative practices for wildlife?	Yes O or No O
14. Will the proposed treatment result in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation through management practices for wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds or groundwater contamination from agricultural lands through development of organic systems or the use of new technology. Questions 15-16. Max 60 points.	
15. Will the planned treatment include practices which promote organic systems or the transition to organic systems?	Yes O or No O

16. Will the planned treatment include the use of new and innovative technology that is not normally used in the area that will significantly improve water quality in impaired watersheds in the local area? Refer to the NDEP list of TMDL's for impairments that need to be addressed in affected water bodies in the state.	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the proposed treatment be completed in two years or less?	Yes O or No O
3. Was a water related resource concern identified as one of the top two priorities in the local work group?	Yes O or No O
4. Is the proposed project part of a larger effort within the watershed (ie part of a grazing association, watershed group, or cooperative agreement) to address water related resource concerns?	Yes O or No O
5. Is the proposed project sponsored by or co-sponsored by another agency, group or organization through funding or match of materials, labor or other funding (ie conservation district, irrigation district, watershed group, non-profit organization, federal, state, or community?	Yes O or No O
6. Will the proposed project involve application of new technology, or innovative techniques, or changes in local cultural methods not normally used in the area?	Yes O or No O
7. Is the proposed project significantly changing the participant's operation resulting in foregone or reduced income either temporarily or permanently?	Yes O or No O
8. Will the proposed treatment include practices to mitigate the affects of drought in the local area?	Yes O or No O
9. Will the proposed treatment include establishing windbreaks that will significantly reduce the affects of wind on soil and water quality? A windbreak design needs to be approved by state agronomist prior to implementing the practice.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**